

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph 0016 on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

On each of columns 1a and 1b, a stable elongation beam 7a and 7b, respectively, is provided comprising upper bearing 8a and 8b, respectively, for transverse shaft 9 provided with a sprocket wheel on its right end according to Fig. 1. In the upper end portion of the embodiment in Fig. 1, on right elongation beam 7b, a prime mover in the shape of an electric motor 11 is installed which rotates transverse shaft 9 by means of sprocket wheel 12 and a closed-loop chain 13 running on two sprocket wheels 10 and 12. Traction cables 15a and 15b, which may be steel cables, belts or link chains, run on disks 14a and 14b, respectively. Traction cables 15a and 15b are preferably sheathed. Disks 14a and 14b are fixedly mounted on ~~closed-loop chain 13~~ transverse shaft 9. In the embodiment shown, each of traction cables 15a and 15b is a steel cable fixed to associated vertical guides 6a and 6b, respectively, via terminals 16a and 16b with its one end while its other end portion is fixed on associated disks or drums 14a and 14b, respectively.

Please replace paragraph 0017 on page 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

By turning on electric motor 11, transverse shaft 9 is rotated together with the two disks or drums 14a and 14b by means of chain drive 10 to 13, so that both traction cables 15a and 15b are wound up with a uniform speed and, thus, two support arms 4a and 4b are synchronously lifted. The lowering movement of support arms 4a and 4b is efficiently effected by their own weight or the additional weight of a supported vehicle and also with a speed determined by a brake or electric

motor 11. In addition, each safety means 17a and 17b acts as a positively acting arrest element. The brake can also be operated manually by switch 18.